

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 • 9:30 A.M.



Good Shepherd
Henry Ossawa Tanner

Please join in reading and singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

The Call to Worship may be found at <https://enfleshed.com>.

The Prayer of Confession is adapted from *spill the beans*.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Prelude on BRADBURY*

Dale Wood

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

If we wander from love's way out of fear or in pursuit of power,
God reaches after us.

If we are turned away from the places we once called home,
God companions us.

If we desire to create places of belonging that are just and restorative,
God empowers us.

If we go looking for what has been missing within us,
God meets us in the searching.

Praise be to God who leads us on paths of restoration.

* HYMN 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy One,
life giver,
shepherd and guide,
We come to offer our prayers and our gifts.
We come aware of our faults and failings.
When we lose our way
you are patient and wait for us to return,
and never give up on us.
We are humbled by your unconditional love
and desire to be in a full relationship with us.
May we learn to love as you do
and create relationships with others
as you do with us.
So be it...**

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

UKRAINE MELODY



ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as God's people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

You have promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.
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early let us turn to you.

This is Stanza 3 of Hymn 187, *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us* (BRADBURY).

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 32:7–14

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 15:1–10

The grass withers, the flower fades;
The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

RESPONDING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep*
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep
Keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
Nothing can thy power withstand
None can pluck me from thy hand.

I would bless thee every day
Gladly all thy will obey
Like thy blessed ones above
Happy in thy perfect love.

This week's Growing in God's Love Bible story, *Who was Invited? Who Came?*, is found on page 256.

Beginning this week, the children and congregation will be introduced to a simple song each month that will assist the transition into the Conversation with Young Disciples.

This musical transition invites all ages to be active participants while signaling to children an important moment in worship focused towards them. We will start with *Halle, Halle*, a familiar song to many! You are invited to join in singing as the children come forward.

Welcome to our second year of Worship LAB, a place where children will explore the flow of worship through multi-sensory experiences! This week's lesson will begin with an introduction to the Call to Worship. Children age 5 through 5th grade are invited to join in Worship Lab each week.

Use these offertory moments to savor your gratitude for the abundance of God's love — and to consider your own response in loving service.

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Loving Shepherd, ever near
Teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
Suffer not my steps to stray
From the straight and narrow way.

* **Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* **Prayer of Dedication****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING* **HYMN 173***A Woman and a Coin*

LIFE RESTORED

COMMISSIONING OF TEACHERS

Do you welcome this responsibility as you follow the Lord Jesus, loving neighbors and working for the healing of the world?

I do.

Will you serve with energy, joy, love and imagination, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

I will, with God's help.

Do we confirm God's call to these teachers?

We do.

Will we support and encourage their work?

We will.**Commissioning Prayer*** **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION***Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.***CLOSING VOLUNTARY** *Processional March*

Emile Le Blanc

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We are glad you are here! Please sign our Friendship Pad. If you are a guest with us today, we encourage you to wear a rose window button that you can find just outside the Sanctuary in a basket. Wearing this button helps us know that you are new among us so that we can reach out to you with a fuller welcome. If you are with us via YouTube, Facebook, or radio, please sign the pad on our website.

Today we offer a special welcome to our Kindergarteners in worship with us as part of their "Welcome in Worship" Milestone.

Oliver Bernstein
Sam Bowles
Henry DeLand
Olivia Forger
Ania Holden

Padgett Hoskins
Angus Hyers
Simon LaVasseur
Evan Meade
Isaac Meade

Luc Montas
Isla Parker
Sebastian Torres-Davenport
Elizabeth Vercler

Worship Leaders: Welcome – Jay Sanderford; Liturgists – Megan Berry and Mark Mares; Lectors – Tyrese Byrd and Brent Ivey; Children's Message – Beca Torres-Davenport; Preacher – Dave Prentice-Hyers; Chancel Choir; Organist – David Hufford; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Ushers – Paul Smith (captain), Carol Smith, Beth Gerwig, Angela Yang, Greta Krapohl, Ken, Ali, and Ava Westfall, and Holly Majorprice; Greeter – Kim Byers-Granito

Faith Formation Teachers to be commissioned:

Betsy McCallister
Brian Schneidewind
Nicki Sorter
Beth Nissen
Rev. Ed Koster
Carol Pawloski
Alice Holderby

Rebecca Gaffney
Elisabeth VanVliet
Daniel Torres-Davenport
Virginia Bell
Lucy Schneidewind
Emma Schneidewind
Brian Meade

Bob Anderson
Dory Anderson
Nancy Vander Kuyl
Jim Peggs
Keith Phillips
Sarah Phillips

Some teachers are not able to be present today. We lift them up in spirit as they take on this important role in shaping the faith of our congregation.

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Taylor Elizabeth-Blair Calhoun by her family and friends; and in loving memory of Dr. Thomas M. Ford by his wife Heidi.

Prayer team volunteers are available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 service. Prayer team volunteer is Katie Parker. "Dependency is the heartbeat of prayer." – Paul Miller

Join us for a time of fellowship today on the Circle Terrace immediately following the Closing Voluntary.

Fast-Track to membership today! Meet with a pastor and two elders in the office of Rev. Prentice-Hyers at 11 am. The process takes about half an hour as we get to know you, and you get to know us! Following the joining, there will be a new member class for you to attend to complete the process on October 2. You don't need to register ahead of time. We'll be there and ready to receive you if the Holy Spirit leads you to join!

The FPC Orchestra rehearsals begin today for all ages. All are welcome to join us at 1:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

A meeting of the congregation has been called by Session for next Sunday, September 18, immediately following the 9:30 am worship service, for the purpose of electing church officers – elders and deacons – for the Class of 2025. This is a hybrid meeting, available to attend in person. Join us by Zoom by using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81355308660>.

Welcome to Fall Kickoff Sunday!

Faith Formation Opportunities



10:45–11:15 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal in Lemon Chapel	
11–11:50 am	Faith Formation for Youth and Adults	
	Youth	Youth Room
	Exploring the Faith	Monteith Hall
	First Friends	Monteith Hall
	The Bible @ 11 o'clock	Curtis Room
11:15–11:50 am	Faith Formation Classes for Children	Levels 1 & 3
6 pm	Youth Group	
7:30 pm	UKirk@Umich College Ministry	Meet at the picnic tables on the Front Lawn

Democracy, Race, Social Class, and Black Spirituality

We are thrilled to welcome Rev. Dr. Randal Maurice Jelks to First Presbyterian **TODAY**, for a time of discussion on democracy, race, social class, and Black spirituality. Randal Maurice Jelks is a professor, a documentary producer, and award-winning author. He was an executive producer of the documentary *I, Too, Sing America: Langston Hughes Unfurled* and he currently teaches American Studies, African Studies, and African American Studies at the University of Kansas. His writings have appeared in the Boston Review and the Los Angeles Review of Books, and he serves as co-editor of the academic journal *American Studies*.

Please join us for two sessions:

**Discussion of Dr. Jelks' latest book,
Letters to Martin: Meditations on Democracy in Black America
 Monteith Hall at 11 a.m.**

***Race, Social Class, and Presbyterians*
 Social Hall at 4 p.m.**

This talk explores why Presbyterian Churches are often not inclusive places of community, and the ways that the church can open themselves up to all people, but particularly Black Americans.

Journeys Book/Bible Study (JBS) for Women. All women are invited to join this First Pres women's study group. We meet on the first and third Thursday of the month, 11:30–1:00 pm in the Curtis Room. We check-in the first half hour with our bag lunches from home. Shared reading and imagining God's meaning for today's calling lead to stimulating conversation follow, facilitated by Resident Minister Hannah Lundberg. All meetings are hybrid. More details? Contact Beth Gerwig bgerwig@comcast.net or (734) 412-5258. Click here to view the Fall curriculum:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KX_Z00GIQkrJixCi_IRUYLLenTEmcouLI31KCA8xmAA/edit?usp=sharing

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The Presbytery of Detroit and
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cordially invite you to join us in presence and prayer
to joyfully celebrate the

Service of Installation of
Rev. David Prentice-Hyers
as Lead Pastor of First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 18, 2022, at 2:00 pm
1432 Washtenaw Avenue
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A reception will follow in the Social Hall.
*Parking is limited. Additional free parking is available at the
Forest Avenue parking structure.*

Clergy are invited to process; please bring vestments (red stole).
RSVP by September 15 to epatrick@firstpresbyterian.org
or 734-662-4466, ext. 349.